paration of model deposit guarantee scheme to support deposit mobilisation by Primary Agricultural Credit Societies and measures to increase member participation in primary cooperatives.

Sponsoring of study teams to foreign countries

3314. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposals from different State Governments particularly those afflicted by perennial droughts, famines and floods for sponsoring study teams to different foreign countries for conducting studies in methods of land and water management, integrated agriculture, including waste land development and flood prevention etc; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposals received during the last three months, and Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) The information is being collected.

Development of Hybrid oil-seeds and Nuts

3315. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken or proposed to be taken to develop hybrid oil-seeds and nuts and to promote citimation the cost to mention the country self sufficient in edible oils; and

(b) what is the likely yield of oilseeds nd oils this year and how far it is likely to take the country close to self reliance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The I.C.A.R. is implementing a project for 'Promotion of Research and Development Efforts on Hybrids in Selected Crops' which covers research on sunflower, rapseed—mustard and castor at a total outlay of Rs. 22.8 crores. During the Eighth Plan period, a special thrust is being given to the development of high yielding improved varieties as well as hybrids of different oilseed crops.

(b) The likely production of oilseeds during 1991-92 has been estimated at 18.34 million tonnes. The total production of oils from indigenous sources during 1991-92 is estimated at 6.2 million tonnes. With increasing domestic production of oilseeds, the demand supply gap in edible oils is being steadily reduced.

Advances made by Bank to NDDB

3316. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE:
SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the amount of advances made to NDDB by banks during last three years and what is outstanding;

(b) in what manner advanced amount by banks were utilised by NDDB and what rate of interest advances were taken and total interest paid thereon;

(c) whether it is a fact that NDDB has threatened to withdraw its financial support to Punjab State Co-operative Milk Federation; if so, what are the details in this regard and the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether there is any dispute between Punjab Government and NDDB over the nomination of Milk Dairy of Punjab State Co-operative Milk products federation; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) No advances from any Bank have been received by National Dairy Development Board except the line of credit from Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to carry out market intervention operation in edible oil and oilseeds. The line of credit is operated through State Bank of India. Balance outstanding during the last three years in the RBI cash credit account as per the bank statement is as under:—

	(Rs. in crores)
31st March, 1990	239.61
31st March, 1991	184.91
31st March, 1992	250.27

(b) Line of credit was utilised for market intervention operation in edible oil and oilseeds. Interest was charged as per the rates fixed by RBI from time to time as under:—

Date of cash credit	Interest per annum
22-9-90	16%
13-4-91	17%
4-7-91	18.5%
1-10-91	19.25%
9-10-91	20.75%
2-3-92	19.75%

Total interest paid to the Bank during the three years was:—

Year	Rs. in crore
1989-90	27.55
1990-91	21.63
1991-92	60.81

(c) No, Sir.

(d) At the request of the Government of Punjab and Punjab State Cooperative Milk Producers' Federation, NDDB deputed one of its senior officers as the Managing Director of Milk Federation in April, 1990. In accordance with the loan and grant agreement signed between the Government of Punjab and NDDB, the NDDB has to be consulted before changes are effected at the level of Managing Director of the Federation. The sudden termination of the Managing Director was in violation of the conditions of appointment of Managing Director. NDDB requested the Punjab Government to reconsider the matter and conveyed its inability to approve the appointment of the new Managing Director.

Public Investment in Agriculture

3317. SHRIMATI MIRA DAS: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the public investment in agriculture; and

(b) whether it is a fact that subsidies in fertilizer, food, electricity and irrigation come up to Rs. 15,000 crores per year, if so, what are the details about the above subsidies and their aggregate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Public Investment in agriculture measured in the